REMARKS

Claims 1-26 were pending in the application. Claims 1-13 were rejected, and claims 14-26 were allowed. Applicants have cancelled rejected claims 1-13 to place the application in condition for allowance, and respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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